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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of March 25, 2010, Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 4 of the Notice of Allowance mailed March 25, 2010, paragraph 3 states in part that "the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance for claims 11-14 were indicated in the previous Office Action dated 11/09/09." On page 9 of the Office Action of November 9, 2009, paragraph 9 states in part:

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The cited prior art do not teach or suggest a device or method comprises an inspection mode capacitor for supplying electricity for the semi-operation, a normal mode capacitor for supplying electricity for full operation and a switching device for switching between connecting the inspection mode capacitor or the normal mode capacitor as recited in claims 11 and 13. The cited prior art also do not teach or suggest a device or method comprises a switch for connecting a capacitor for the full operation and the switch is configured to connect a resistor and the capacitor for the semi-operation.

The above comment does not appear to be accurate with respect to independent Claims 11 and 13. For example, Claims 11 and 13 recite "a switching device" and not a "switch" which is "configured to connect a resistor and the capacitor." Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above quoted statement does not apply to independent Claims 11 and 13 to the extent the language used in the statement differs from the language of the claims.

Respectfully Submitted,

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